REMARKS

Rejection of claims 4-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 4-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by "Understanding LDAP" by the International Technical Support Organization. Applicant traverses the Examiner's finding of anticipation of the claims as amended.

The Examiner responded to the previous office action by allowing claims 1-3 and affirming the previous rejections of claims 4-12. The Examiner indicated that independent claims 4, 6 and 8 would likely be allowable if amended to recite that it is the application that includes the logical mapping. Accordingly, claims 4, 6 and 8 have been amended to recite that the application maintains the logical mapping between the proxy entry and the protected resource. Basis for the amendments can be found in the previous claims and on page 9, lines 23-25. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 4

Claim 4 was amended to recite "the software application maintaining a resource map to identify a proxy entry that corresponds to the external protected resource". Because the cited art does not teach or suggest using the directory authorization for protecting resources outside the directory where the software application maintains a resource map, claim 4 is in condition for allowance over the cited art, and applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claim 5

Claim 5 depends on claim 4, which is allowable for the reasons given above. As a result, claim 5 is allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim.

Claim 6

Claim 6 was amended to recite "the software application generating a logical mapping that correlates each protected resource to its corresponding proxy entry". Because the cited art does not teach or suggest the software generating a logical mapping to correlate a protected resource with a proxy entry, claim 6 is in condition for allowance over the cited art, and applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claim 7

Claim 7 depends on claim 6, which is allowable for the reasons given above. As a result, claim 7 is allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim.

Claim 8

Claim 8 was amended to recite "a software application that maintains a logical mapping that correlates a plurality of protected resources". Because the cited art does not teach or suggest the software maintaining a logical mapping to correlate a protected resource with a proxy entry, claim 8 is in condition for allowance over the cited art, and applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).
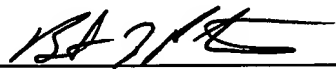
Claims 9-12

Claims 9-12 depend on claim 8, which is allowable for the reasons given above. As a result, claims 9-12 are allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim.

Conclusion

In summary, none of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination, teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicants' claims presently on file. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that all of applicants' claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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